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11. (U) Charge had a follow-up discussion with FM Seyoum August 27 regarding the Pittsburgh G20 Summit. Seyoum confirmed that PM Meles intends to attend the Summit, following a New York stop where he will be engaged in activities associated with UNGA, the Clinton Foundation, and the UN Climate Change Roundtable. Seyoum indicated that the Prime Minister's Economic Advisor Neway Kristos Gebre-Ab, would act as the PM's coordination point of contact for the G20 Summit.

¶2. (SBU) Seyoum also relayed Meles' wish to have the same Africa "team" available as had been the case in the London G20 meeting, specifically to include AU Chairperson Jean Ping, Economic Commission for Africa Executive Secretary Abdoulie Janneh, and Africa Development Bank President Donald Kaberuka. The Charge confirmed that AU Chairperson Ping had been invited, and suggested that specifics regarding logistics, meeting spaces, and other arrangements regarding PM Meles' delegation could be handled by Neway.
¶3. (U) The Embassy is ready to facilitate further communications with Neway and the Government of Ethiopia as needed.
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